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John K. telephoned at 8:30 and asked me to drive him to the  
Marty, but at 3 P.M., I went to Church and then went to  
the Golf Course where I lunched with HARP & WSP &  
then drove (at 1:30 P.M.) John K. to Scranton. He had  
his cousin's car in Simpson; I met him at 78 Jefferson  
& we drove -- in two cars -- into Carbondale. He asked me  
to buy the Scrantonian for him; I did & when I came  
out of Shaw's I saw the gas dripping out of my  
gas tank. It made me very mad. Again, I shall  
have to go to Saul's about the gas tank. Met John  
at City Hall & we drove to Timber Lake at Blakely.  
He let off his cousin's car and then I drove him to  
Scranton. Why couldn't his cousin have driven him?  
It would have been very easy for him to do so. As it  
was I had to go very much out of my way. For  
some reason it didn't bother me. I decided:  
just do it Robert & be done with it and it will be  
over before you know it. Because of that same  
line of thinking, I will go to the Elkdale Baptist  
Church at West Clifford at 7 P.M. (at Pastor  
Bissol's request) and publicly declare my belief  
in Jesus Christ. It appears to be very important  
to Bissol that I do so & so I will and that will  
be that. After Church this morning the congregation  
met to vote on whether or not to accept the organ  
committee's recommendation that the congregation  
purchase a Rodger Salzburg 825 organ. I voted  
Yes. Donny Thorne was leading forth & being  
characteristically obnoxious and so I marked my  
ballot "yes" and stood up and walked out as  
he spoke. I handed my ballot to Sidney Witte  
on the way out. I can not bear to be in the same  
room with Norman. He is completely unbearable.

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Welcome To ...  
Elkdale Baptist Church of West Clifford  
R.D. No. 1 / Box 81C / Uniondale, PA 18470  
Phone: (717) 222-3723  
SERVICES  
10:00 A.M. Sunday School  
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship  
7:00 P.M. Evening Worship  
7:30 P.M. Prayer Meetings  
Please tear off first copy and keep.  
Second copy fill out and put in offering plate.  
Frank Bissol, Pastor  
The church with a heart

went to Church at the EBC of West  
Clifford this evening at 7 P.M.  
Such a good Baptist -- Church twice  
in the same day. I was under  
the impression that I would  
have to make a public declaration  
of my beliefs following my  
"conversion/salvation" on  
Monday evening, and so I  
prepared the following prayer:

"Heavenly Father, I stand before you and before this  
congregation of believers and publicly declare that I  
have sinned and have come short of the glory of God.  
I recognize that so much do you love the word  
that you gave your only begotten son that who-  
soever believeth in Him should not perish but have  
life everlasting.  
I stand before you, Heavenly Father, and before  
this congregation of believers and publicly declare  
that I too am a believer in Jesus-Christ and  
that I take him as my Lord and Savior.  
Hear, O Lord, my declaration and my prayer.  
Amen."

All day long I rehearsed the prayer. I never got to  
use it. I entered as the congregation was talking  
with Bissol. I sat down -- very much in control.  
The service was very relaxed. Lots of talking between  
pulpit & congregation. We sang one hymn & between  
each verse there were personal declarations of  
belief and thanks from various members of  
the congregation. The service lasted 1 1/2 hours -- during  
the final minutes, the group sang one verse of